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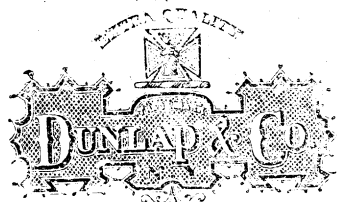
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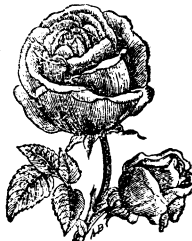
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WE are pleased to present this week an excellent photo-engraving of our honored Dr. Winchell. We were unable to secure the cut from the engravers in time for last week's number, but we feel sure that our efforts to secure this little souvenir of our beloved professor will be appreciated by our readers.

DR. HARPER'S work here has aroused an unusual amount of interest in the study of Biblical literature, and the question has been repeatedly asked, why a course in Bible study as an elective would not meet with favor among the students and faculty. At many of our great universities such courses of study in the Bible are given. The results of this instruction from the standpoint of history and literature are certainly of as great a benefit as any that are derived from other literary masterpieces. A university should provide the best instruction in all subjects capable of developing the student's knowledge of history and literature, and from the testimony of the

greatest scholars of the present day a thorough study of the Bible for its literary and historical values is very essential for a critical knowledge of literature.

BY the kind permission of Rev. Studley we are enabled to give in this number the excellent and touching words he delivered at the funeral of Dr. Winchell. Very few of the students had an opportunity of hearing this last tribute paid to the memory of our departed professor; and, coming as it does from one of Dr. Winchell's old college-mates and from a life-long personal friend, it will undoubtedly be read with interest by all.

THE Lecture Association has surely had its share of disappointments in the failure of two of its speakers to be on hand at the time appointed. But it must be understood that the management of the Lecture Association is by no means to blame for these postponements of dates. Some unforeseen circumstance has, in each case, caused the trouble just at the last moment. The two or three additional attractions offered will more than make up for these slight annoyances. The S. L. A. is indeed to be congratulated upon the excellence of the course it has offered this year, and also upon the fact that it will be enabled to place a good sum to the credit of the Gym. fund.

THE February number of the Forum contains a thoughtful and interesting article by Prof. C. K. Adams, entitled "The Next Step in Education." After some general remarks concerning the large number of colleges and the inability of a great part of them to take their students into the more advanced courses of study, he goes on to propose quite a radical change in the present educational system. Estimating the number of colleges at 400, he would have 375 of them narrow their sphere of activity and only attempt to do thoroughly the work now done in the freshman and sophomore years. The 25 remaining institu-

tions are to become real universities and are to receive without examination all those who have completed the two years of required work. Upon entering the university, the student is to be allowed to arrange his work with special reference to his prospective profession, and at the end of two years work here, the Bachelor's degree is to be conferred. Prof. Adams thinks that to make such an arrangement possible, the larger and more competent institutions should begin to place special stress upon their *last* two years' work, and those institutions destined to take second place should begin to attach special importance to the work in the *first* two years. The University of Michigan in itself comes very close to Prof. Adams' idea of what a four years' course of study should be. Just what the relation should be between the host of smaller colleges and the smaller number of large ones has never yet been fully determined. As a possible solution of this question, Prof. Adams' article is worthy of careful consideration.

AN article in the *Cornell Era* of last week upon the present tendencies of college glee clubs to songs that are too sentimental or too classical in their nature, is just to the point. While we do not think that the singing of our glee club comes under this criticism, yet we may do well to make the following quotation. The *Era* says: "What representative audience, expecting the good old college songs can be aroused to any extraordinary degree of enthusiasm over 'Grandma,' or 'Cottage Wee,' or 'Kiss Me Once Again,' even though they be pretty, lackadaisical airs. That Abt's 'Summer Night' is a beautiful thing, none will deny, and yet, sung by our glee club two years ago, it was nearly a flat failure. It is bound to be so. No one expects extracts from the 'Messiah' or the 'Creation' at a glee concert, any more than he would the 'Dead March in Saul' or Handel's 'Concerts in G Minor' from the Banjo Club. Learn from experience. 'Romeo and Juliet' *takes* 'Imogene Donohue' *takes* 'Dinah Doe' *takes*." If the glee club expects enthusiastic and satisfied audiences on their trip let them give them an evening of *college song*, not love sick ballads, and not grand opera." Our University glee club has

an enviable reputation for the enthusiasm which it can arouse with its good old college songs. We trust it may never let these rollicking old songs, so suggestive of college life be forgotten.

MICHIGAN University may well be proud of the fact that she has furnished four college presidents for four of the great colleges of the country. They are Dr. C. K. Adams, of Cornell, Dr. Henry Wade Rogers, of Northwestern University, Helen A. Shafer, M. A., of Wellesley, and Dr. Austin Scott, of Rutgers. Dr. Scott, who has just been appointed to fill the president's chair at Rutgers, is a son of J. Austin Scott, of this city. He took his Bachelor's degree at Yale, and, in 1870, his Master's degree from the University of Michigan.

ALEXANDER WINCHELL, LL. D.

ADDRESS BY DR. STUDLEY.

"His life was gentle, and the elements
So mixed in him, that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world: 'THIS WAS A MAN!'"

I have no elaborate and worthy memorial to bring before you this afternoon, of the life work of our brother and friend who has so suddenly gone from us, but I want to say a few things concerning him, which have occurred to my mind and which find their illustration in things which at one time or another he himself has either said or done.

When I entered the freshman class of the Wesleyan University, one of the earliest among the college acquaintances which I made was that of Alexander Winchell. He was a member of the senior class; but, being members of the same Greek fraternity, until the day of his graduation, although I was but a freshman, we were thrown together often. I remember very well the impression which he made upon me at that time. He was handsome, studious, thoughtful, courteous, healthy, clear-sighted, standing well up towards the head of his class in rank as a scholar, and thoroughly respected by every teacher and student of the college. Knowing him then so well it has never been a matter of surprise to me that he won for himself such renown as a scientist, or developed such an enviable character as a man. I learned to have great respect for him then; but that respect has since deepened into love. I had not seen him for several years until an errand brought me to Ann Arbor in the spring of 1887, when I received from him marked courtesy and attention. He took me about the campus and showed me the various buildings of the University, giving me much valuable information as to the methods and resources of the institution, and showing his own deep personal interest in its growth and well-being. He came to my lodgings just as we were about to have family worship, when my host asked Dr. Winchell to lead in prayer. It was to me a most impressive service. His expressed desires for me, as an old friend, whose acquaintance was just renewed after a lapse of years, were full of tenderness, and calculated to endear him to me more fully even than in our earlier life. I left Ann Arbor

with a better idea than I had ever had of the qualities of Alexander Winchell's mind and heart.

Two years later I came to Ann Arbor to be the pastor of the church which he attended, receiving from him as President of the Board of Trustees the heartiest welcome, proffering me as he did the hospitality of his home and strengthening my love for him by his undemonstrative courtesy. He was not only a man whom I had learned to respect and revere for his intellectual powers and scholastic attainments, but a man whom I had learned to love for his manly qualities and characteristics. For he had a large, broad, generous nature. There was nothing narrow or mean in his composition. That quality in him which some may have construed as exclusiveness and indisposition to sociability, was really shyness and diffidence, born in part of a recognized difficulty which he labored under as to remembering names. For a man of his rank in the scientific world he was exceedingly modest. He appreciated the recognition of his work by those who were competent to judge it, but he was never self-assertive, nor clamorous for a recognition of his attainments.

It was his aim to do everything which he had to do, well; just as well for his own eye alone as though it were to be inspected by the acutest critic. Going home from an important business meeting, as likely as not, instead of retiring to rest, he would write out a full memorandum of the business transacted, with the accuracy and completeness of a skilled secretary. His common-place books of science, in his own hand writing, are models of elegance and method. Everything which he did, as if in obedience to the apostle's injunction, was done "decently and in order." Indeed he recognized "order" as "heaven's first law."

He had, what is so essential to a scientist who would reach the average mind with an impressive statement of his discoveries, a clear and strong imaginative faculty. In one of his happy paragraphs, he says: "We hang here upon our planet poised in the midst of infinite space and infinite time. Whence we came, we know not; whither we are bound, hope and faith only can reveal. We open our eyes for a moment, like an infant in its sleep; anon they are closed; and the busy activities of nature move on as if we had not existed. A few days since, a friend of mine exhibited to me a silver coin dug up from the rubbish of the hoary East. It was rude, irregular, and begrimed with age. Upon one side was raised the image of a Grecian warrior. Above the head I could trace, with difficulty, but with certainty, the Greek letters which spelled the name of Alexander. Venerable coin, thought I; and my imagination wandered back through twenty-two centuries, till I saw the Issus and the Granicus, and the hosts of Darius melting before the fury of the Macedonian conqueror. I felt transported back to antiquity. But then I remembered the Nineveh marbles upon which I had gazed, and the black and skinny mummies that had looked out at me from their withered eyeballs, and imagination spanned another interval of ages; and I stood upon the bank of the Tigris and the Nile, and the forms of Sennacherib and Menes passed before me. As chance would have it, I returned, and passing through a cabinet where the 'medals of creation' had been ranged in regular order, the ponderous molars of an extinct mammoth, dug from the soil of Michigan, awakened a new thought. By its side rested the skull of Oreodon, with its sheep-like teeth in a hog-like head; and, being in a mood for reverie, I thought of the distant Missouri plains, where Oreodon had grazed; and of the vast lake—thrice the size of Superior—from whose waters he had drank, and on whose muddy banks had crawled turtles that could carry oxen on their backs. And then I remembered that thought had darted back over another stretch of ages to a time when God had not yet said: 'Let us make man;' when the wide continent was the pasture-ground of elephants and mastodons and wild horses and camels and sloths and quadrupeds of strange shapes which were blotted out of existence before human eye had gazed upon them.

"Here, I thought, are the relics of a genuine antiquity. I sauntered on, and the teeth and vertebra and dimly-out-

lined forms of Ichthyosaurus and Deinosarus and flying lizards and fishes clad in mail—bucklered and helmeted fishes—these in succession passed before my eyes. And then winged thought flew back through those dim ages of the world's history which we call Mesozoic. I breathed a stifling atmosphere; tepid vapors rose all around me; strange foliage fringed bayous of which I had never heard; neither bird nor insect stirred the fervid atmosphere; there were no forests; the continents were but just arising from their sea-couches, and no foot-print had yet been impressed upon their slime-covered heads. And then I thought of the silver coin which bore the image and superscription of Alexander, and wondered why I had called it venerable. Why? since twenty populations had possessed the earth, since the relics of those bucklered fishes had been animate, and this coin—why, it had been stamped in the last part of the life-time of the twentieth population; and there were nineteen before it which had become extinct.

"And so my feet were lifted up from earth; I was pil-
lowed upon a bright cloud, and floated in eternity. And I saw the long history of the world I had left, stretching backward from the spot where I had left it, till it vanished from view, like the track of a railroad on a boundless prairie. With the flash of a thought I pursued it over millions of ages, till I saw it dissolved in fire—till luminous vapors rolled up and rested upon the bosom of infinite space. In this track of fire the track of terrestrial history lost itself, and I dared not plunge through the flame in search of the beginning."

"Then I thought, here at length is the dwelling place of antiquity. What is that which men call ancient and venerable? Would that the scales could be removed from our eyes. Would that the fog would lift, and men could once look out upon the magnitude of the universe—the majestic span even of terrestrial history—the might, the greatness, the wisdom, the glory of that Intelligence which, at a glance, takes in all space, all time past, and all time to come." Sketches of Creation, 416.

It is no marvel, my friends, that, with this clear and strong imaginative faculty, he could hold thoughtful and devout men entranced even with the inductions of science. He was no agnostic. What he found in his excursions through the universe satisfied his mind that whatever proceeds from the operation of mechanical causes "is not the working of blind fate or irrational necessity, but is grounded finally in the highest wisdom, from which the constitution of nature borrows all its harmonies. If, in the constitution of the world, order and beauty appear, then a Deity exists. If this order has proceeded from the general laws of nature, then *all* nature is necessarily a working of the highest wisdom."—World Life, -591.

No, my friends, he was neither a shallow-pated agnostic nor a narrow-viewed religious dogmatist. Coming back from a sweep of the universe with his mental vision, he always brought with him a reverent feeling, as one who had found God. He did not babble of God as the dying Falstaff babbled of "green fields;" but, with a large thought and a sober mind, he could say with the apostle Paul: "I *know* whom I have believed." In his "Cycles of Matter," where he represents to us that the "machinery of the universe has run down," he says: (But) "beyond and above is the eternal Omnipotence. There is no power in the universe but Deity. When He wills, the resurrection of matter shall dawn. New life will thrill through every vein of the ancient corpse. When He wills, the forces of matter shall hie again from their hiding places. Heat will again be gathered into central masses. Matter will dissolve into liquids—liquids burn into vapor and fill again the vault of space—cohesive affinities will be sundered—chemical unions will be unlocked—electrical and gravitating forces will resume their play, and once more will begin the long series of activities which make up the lifetime of firmaments and systems and worlds. The matter of our solar system—or a system like ours—will again be isolated; the endless whirl of fiery vapor will detach rings, in succession, which will consolidate into planets and satellites and another earth

will spring up." Does not this seem almost like an extension of the apocalyptic prophets's vision of "a new heaven and a new earth?"

"In the presence," he says, "of such conceptions as these, what is man, and what are the works of his hands? What are fleets and forts and cities with their insect hum? What are temples and pyramids and Chinese walls? They are the agitation of particles of dust in a distant corner of the universe. The track of an insect on the ocean's shore. The breath of an infant in the tornado's blast.

"But what is the spirit of man, whose thoughts thus wander through eternity? What is the intelligence of man who climbs the battlements of the palace of Omnipotence?—who seizes hold on infinity—who, though chained in flesh, spurns its fetters, and feels evermore that it is the offspring of God—the brother of angels—the heir of perpetuity—and will soon shake its shambles down among the rubbish of decaying worlds and dwell superior to the mutations of matter and the revolutions of the ages? What, in comparison with the crumbling of mountains and the decay of worlds, is the being, possessed of such a consciousness and such a destiny? Who shall tremble at the wreck of matter, when, in perpetual youth, he shall outlive suns and systems and firmaments, and, through the ceaseless cycles of material history, shall see creation rise upon creation—the ever recurring mornings of eternal life?"

Now, I ask you, what terror could that thing which we call Death have for one with such a view as this of man and his immortality? He is not dead; he has simply gone out on a larger excursion into the universe. In our feebleness of spiritual conception, we look on this scene before us as though it were the end of this devoted teacher's life. "We flutter about like insects on a flower bed," and stand in awe of the things which in God's view and in the measure of man's destined life are but as a geometrical point, which has neither length nor breadth. Our efforts to "compass planetary distances and stellar pathways" "are as the navigation of the paper nautilus upon the heaving bosom of the broad Pacific." And yet, as compared with the life of this man whom we speak of as dead, "the life time of a planet vanishes as a thought." To a believer who is endowed with immortal life, the proper "units of measurement are infinity."

The tenderness of his heart and the simplicity of his Christian faith are seen in a little circumstance which occurred some years ago, and which some of you will remember. A lady friend of his was sick unto death. He went to call upon her and found that she was too feeble to receive his visit. He then went home and wrote to her a letter, saying, that as she was about to enter the gates of life, he wanted her to find his children among the heavenly hosts and deliver to them certain messages of affection. Then followed a message to each child which had passed out of its earthly home into the land without sorrow.

Yes, my friends, he believed, in God, for he had seen God in the plans and projects of His creative hand. God was a greater being to his mind and heart than He is to the mind and heart of one who has never traced Him out in the material universe. In astronomy and in geology he had made himself familiar with the countless milleniums in which Jehovah had already existed and the countless milleniums through which He must of necessity still exist, in order to carry out the devices of his power and wisdom in the creation. Of course, no man can realize "infinity;" but such a man as Dr. Winchell, with a penetrating scientific gaze and a devout Christian heart, will come a great deal nearer to a realization of the infinite than the man who has never looked through a telescope, or taken testimony concerning God from the formation of the rocks and earth. As a scientific man, too, he understood that true happiness depends largely upon a knowledge of the laws of nature, and a careful adaptation of human life to the requirement of those laws. Nor does this larger view of God necessarily diminish the devout scientist's idea of God's Fatherhood and guardianship of us as his human creatures. It rather makes Christ more a necessity as

the representative of a God among men; as the spoken word of infinite mercy to the sinful and care-burdened children of men. God, as he is seen in Nature alone, is too awful a Being for sinful man to take delight in; man needs to see God as He is revealed in the person and gospel of Jesus Christ; he needs to see God through a Mediator, that he may not be overwhelmed with that sense of awe which comes of thinking on God only as an almighty and infinite Creator and Judge of men. And this of necessity made Dr. Winchell a Christian believer.

Our brother was a quiet and unobtrusive man. To see him passing along the street, in his shy and half shrinking manner, you would have hardly supposed that he was the man whom those that knew him intimately found him to be and a man of mark among the scientists of his generation. He was great in his simplicity and unobtrusiveness. He did not wear his heart upon his sleeve for daws to peck at, but he had a strong and manly spirit. I have known him to be stirred with impatience and earnest remonstrance at witnessing wrong and injustice inflicted upon another. But he was pre-eminently a scholar and a teacher. For more than thirty years he has gone in and out before his classes in the University of Michigan. First and last I believe, he has taught almost everything that was included in the curriculum of the University. And tho' this University has lost during the last few years several of its professors who were eminent in their special departments, yet none of them had achieved such a degree of national and world fame as Dr. Winchell. This fame is not confined to his University teaching. He was one of the organizers of the American Geological Society; he has been State Geologist of Michigan, as well as a member of the U. S. Geological Survey, and he has made many and important contributions to scientific literature. His scientific works are popular for the reason that he wrote in a peculiarly clear and untechnical style, and yet without any detriment to his subjects, which he always presented in a dignified and comprehensive manner. Referring to his decease, one of the leading journals of the country says: "During his long and useful life he had received many honors, both at home and abroad. In his death the world of science loses one of its ablest and most industrious and patient investigators."

In the maturity of his powers, and, until the last few days, with his eye undimmed and his natural force unabated, in the midst of his highest usefulness, he has gone out of his earthly tabernacle into a house not made with hands, into a city that hath foundation somewhere, a building of God, eternal in the heavens. He has left us behind for a little time, a sorrowing company, sorrowing, because we are impatient at the lack of his fellowship, even for a little time. He will be greatly missed in your halls of learning; who would have been missed more than he? For more than thirty years his attainments have been the pride of the University of Michigan. Hundreds and thousands of pupils have sat at his feet and carried away from their Alma Mater the impress of his master mind, and an abiding reverence for the man himself who taught them. The students of to-morrow will not look upon his face, as the students of yesterday and the past have done; but his name will be mentioned in their hearing a hundred times in every coming semester. The sciences which he taught may have so large a development in time to come as to make the lessons of yesterday seem weak in the comparison; but it will always be remembered here that he was among the foremost of the world's scholars in the lines of learning which he here pursued and taught.

He will be missed in the gatherings of scientific men for purposes of comparison and mutual help in their work.

He will be missed in the church where his counsel was always helpful, and his hand was always open and generous.

He will be missed by the long-time citizens of Ann Arbor as one whose residence here was an honor to their community.

And how greatly he will be missed in this home! How he loved the dear ones of his home! But it will only

be for a little time! Husband, father, brother, teacher, friend, thou hast preceded us into the larger fields of research and knowledge, but it is only for a little time! We shall soon be with you, in some one of our Heavenly Father's mansions, on some one of the eternal hills of light! Go and gather up those larger stores of knowledge which are now within your reach, that you may be prepared to give them to us when we too, have entered into that within the veil! We bid you adieu for a little time, till the day dawns, and the day-star appears in our sky!

Russell H. Conwell.

The sixth lecture in the S. L. A. course was delivered Thursday evening in University Hall, by Russell H. Conwell, of Philadelphia. President Kerl introduced the speaker with a few well chosen words. Mr. Conwell asked the indulgence of the audience on account of the condition of his voice. He then stated that he had not come to Ann Arbor to display any oratory or elocution, but to relate some straight forward facts, to tell the audience how to get rich and be successful.

The speaker introduced his subject proper by relating a story that had been told him when he visited the royal palace of India in 1870. There came a time in India when no heir could be found to the throne. So the stars were consulted, and they replied that when they found a man whom the animals follow, the sun serves, the waters obey and mankind loves, that man should be their ruler.

The speaker stated that no man can be successful unless he has those four characteristics. He treated the subject under those heads, considering the second and third together. Many illustrations were given that brought out the points clearly. He who would be a king in any profession must notice, must observe, the facts that are taking place around him.

There are yet many discoveries to be made in the mechanical and scientific world, and he who makes them will receive the gold and silver of the world. The world to-day needs artists, physicians, orators, and men of every profession and trade who observe facts, and use them for the benefit of mankind. Those who see the things which are around them, are the kings and queens of the world.

Mr. Conwell certainly practices what he preaches, for nearly all the illustrations that he used, were drawn from facts that he had observed.

Although he spoke for more than two hours, he had perfect control of his audience during the whole time. At the close of the lecture many felt that they would willingly have listened to him two hours longer and still not be tired. Russell Conwell will always be one of the most popular lecturers for an Ann Arbor audience.

Michigan Club Banquet.

On account of the low price of excursion tickets, an unusual number of the students went to Detroit last Monday. About a hundred attended the Michigan Club Banquet, and did honor to the occasion by giving two lusty yells. The Hon. Alfred Russell presided as toast-master. The speakers of the evening were: Hon. J. S. Runnels, of Chicago; Judge Albion W. Tourgee, of New York; Hon. J. R. Lynch, of Mississippi; and Edward S. Wallace, of Ohio.

Some of the more prominent thoughts brought out by the speakers are as follows: The greatness of our nation is a sham without a pure ballot. The control of the majority is the true principle of government, the indispensable thing. All things can be endured, but not a corrupt ballot. Great injustice is done to the north. The vote of one citizen of Georgia is equivalent to the votes of twenty-five citizens of Kansas, Nebraska or Michigan. Southern representatives are returned by less than a third as many constituents as northern representatives. The agitation in the south is not due to fear of negro rule, but to fear of ascendancy of the republican party. By its recent action the republican party has, "Saved its country, but lost itself." The new Mississippi constitution is designed to maintain democratic superiority. The integrity of the currency must be maintained. The American laborer must be protected.

Hurrah for the Gym!

Thanks to the able management of the committee on athletics. We are at last to have an entertainment for the benefit of the Gym.

From the present outlook everything promises success. All who are to appear are hard at work, and the result will be unique to say the least.

Of the Glee and Banjo Clubs nothing need be said; they are always taking, and their successes this year should be a sufficient guarantee to pack the hall.

The guitar quintette, with solo 'cello will be a novelty, as also will be the mandolin quintette, since nothing of the kind has ever appeared here.

The Dramatic Club will appear for the first time this year in "The Rose Tinted Envelope." The cast has already been published and is undoubtedly beyond improvement.

Mr. S. C. Park will introduce to the public for the first time his ventriloquial doll "Johnny."

Mr. "Gaul Alexander Jamestown," the mind reader, has been specially engaged, and will astonish the audience with marvelous experiments in his art.

A committee has been engaged which will attempt to detect the professor in his tricks. The committee alone is said to be worth the price of admission. The Chequamegons will furnish the orchestra portion of the program.

The performance is gotten upon the same plan that the Actors Benefit productions are in New York, and will be the event of the season.

Let us encourage the committee in their work and make the affair a glorious success in every way.

The Gym. Fund.

The gymnasium fund is quietly growing. It has now passed the encouraging figure of \$14,000. The exact amount already secured in the form of cash and subscriptions cannot be obtained, owing to the number of solicitors in whose various hands it remains, but President Angell, who keeps himself accurately informed, said yesterday that it was between fourteen and fifteen thousand dollars. The appearances therefore are decidedly favorable for securing the necessary fund, \$20,000, at an early date. Still, the latter end of a subscription fund is the hardest to obtain, and there is no reason for relaxing your efforts. The fund should exceed \$20,000 if possible.

The Engineering Society intends giving a party soon.

Resolutions.

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY }
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN. }

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from his research in the field of science, that scholar, teacher and friend of humanity, Dr. Alexander Winchell, and

WHEREAS, While the University and the world at large mourn his loss, it is meet that we, the members of the Geological Society, who have felt his kindly interest and sympathy in our work, should add the testimony of our deep sorrow for this great loss, therefore be it

Resolved, That through his death the whole scientific world suffers an irreparable loss, we give manifestation of our sorrow for the loss of a personal friend, whose lofty ideals and noble character have been a constant source of inspiration to us.

Resolved, That we tender to the family of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy in this their great affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family; and a copy published in the college papers.

GEO. B. SONES,
H. OPHELIA STAUFFT,
JENNIE K. ECKSTORM,
E. MAY WASHBURN,
W. J. HAMMILL,
F. C. KUHN,

Committee.

Action of the Trustees of M. E. Church.

The Board of Trustees of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Ann Arbor desire to place on record their sense of the great loss they have sustained in the death of Professor Alexander Winchell, who has been for two years their honored and efficient president. He has been summoned by the Master whom he had served so long and well from among the struggles and labors of this life, to enjoy the reward which is reserved for such long and faithful service, in a world where struggles and labors are unknown. In him the church of Ann Arbor has lost a wise counsellor, a devoted friend, the universal church a well-equipped and valiant soldier, religious truth an ardent and powerful defender, the Giver of all truth a humble and willing follower. But though he is dead, yet does he live, his works do follow him. In the lives and hearts of those who have been moved by his example and precept, eloquent witnesses are still testifying to the value of the truths he taught, and long after that body, which was but the decaying abode of an immortal spirit, has returned to its dust, the spirit itself which dwelt there will live and work as in this mortal life, for God and His truth.

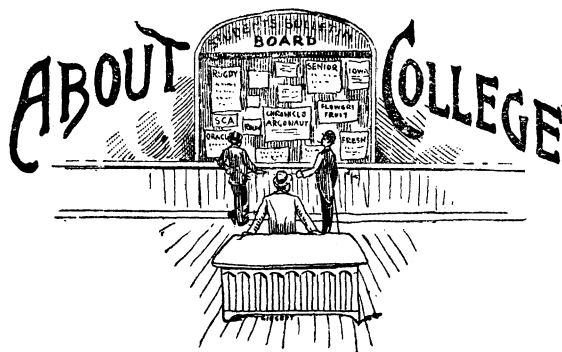
R. P. Lamont, '91's President, will return March 1st from his trip to Southern California.

Oratorical Association.

The preliminary contest of the oratorical association among the candidates of the senior laws, and the junior lits., took place Thursday evening. The successful ones were A. C. Gormley and W. F. Wanless of the senior laws, A. E. Ewing of the junior laws, and W. H. Dellenbach of the junior lits.

The senior lit. preliminary contest will be held next Tuesday evening in Room 24. The sophomore lit. class has but one contestant, A. J. Ladd, and no preliminary contest will be held for that class.

The local contest will be held March 20th. The judges will be Hon. Don M. Dickinson of Detroit, Hon. S. F. Fitch of Lansing, and Regent W. J. Cocker, of Jackson, on delivery; and Prof. W. A. Gleeson, of Grand Rapids, C. A. Towne, of Lansing, and Rev. Howard Duffield of Detroit, on thought and composition.



Dr. Ford has been ill and unable to meet his classes this week.

Prof. Hinsdale did not meet his classes on Thursday or Friday.

Dr. Studley, of Evanston, Ill., occupied the pulpit at the Methodist church last Sunday.

C. W. Heywood, '92, and W. W. Cook, '94, have gone home for a few days on account of illness.

The Beta Thets moved this week into their new house at the corner of Madison and State Sts.

Prof. Alfred Hennequin had an interesting article in last Sunday's *Free Press* concerning the drama.

The Chequamegons will furnish the music in the Ypsilanti opera house for the rest of the season.

Dr. Harper's acceptance of the presidency of the new university of Chicago, was read before the board of trustees, Wednesday afternoon. In the letter he mentions his entire confidence in the board and in the citizens of Chicago, in their arrangement and care of the university. Dr. Harper will enter upon his work, July 1, 1891.

Prof. H. C. Adams left to-day for Washington, where he is to remain about two weeks and a half, again working on statistics in connection with the Census Bureau. Part of his work has been on statistics of freight traffic on the great lakes. In his absence one of his courses will use as a textbook, Ely's "French and German Socialism." In Course II, Dr. Hicks will lecture, next week, on the work of the Pan-American congress and the plan proposed for reciprocity. After that Hon. Carroll D. Wright will lecture two weeks on "Statistics."

The work in Geology and Palæontology the present semester will be under the charge of W. H. Sherzer, M. S. Mr. Sherzer is a graduate of the University, and received his Master's degree here last year. At that time Dr. Winchell stated that the work done by Mr. Sherzer had been really sufficient to entitle him to a Doctor's degree. Since then he has been teaching in the state school of mines at Houghton, Mich., where he went in order to pursue his geological studies in so favorable a location. Mr. Sherzer's home is in Ohio. He is a very hard worker and an exceptionally intelligent and promising young man, one who will, no doubt, conduct the work with ability and meet with success.

The Choral Union chorus will make its first appearance, Friday, March 13, rendering "Christoforus," by Josef Rheinberger, with the assistance of Miss Goodwin, soloist, and an orchestra. The Union has been practicing all the year on the selection, and something very fine indeed is expected. The next concert in the series will be that given by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, early in May, while in the latter part of the same month the last number will be given by the chorus and orchestra. The three remaining numbers will cost the Choral Union more money than the entire course of last year. The selections made reflect great credit upon the directors of the organization, and especially on the leader.

Miss Maude Bedell, '93, is entertaining her sister, Miss Delia, of Jackson, at the Gamma Phi Beta house.

Prof. Hinsdale delivered a very interesting address before the Political Science Association last Tuesday evening.

Take your season lecture tickets and exchange them, next Wednesday, for tickets to Dane and the oratorical contest.

Through the efforts of F. B. Spaulding, '89, who is principal of the Charlotte schools, the Glee and Banjo Clubs visited that city last night.

Hon. John F. Finerty's address in University Hall last Monday, in commemoration of the birth of Washington, was well received by the audience present.

The third lecture in the Tappan Training Course will be given Sunday evening in the Presbyterian church by Rev. J. M. Bartley, of Detroit. Subject: "A Kempis' Imitation of Christ."

The work on the new hospital is progressing finely. The south wing is already up to the second story above the stone basement. The building will be an exceedingly handsome as well as commodious one.

Mr. John D. Hibbard, '87, sent the CHRONICLE-ARGONAUT a diagram and full instructions for playing the new and popular game of indoor base ball, which has become so widely known since last fall. It is now, however, so late in the season that a detailed description of the game will not here be given, but our base ball enthusiasts may well take the matter in hand next fall and initiate it into the list of our college sports.

"The Unity Club has been most happy in securing for its initial Sunday lecture a man of Major Henry C. Dane's rare ability. Mingling the qualities of wit, oratory and learning with that experience only gained by a life of travel, he is one of the most entertaining talkers ever listened to by a Cincinnati audience. While his delivery is rapid, his voice has been so well trained, and his tone is so carefully modulated that it gains by its rapidity a wonderful charm and fascination. Major Dane also possesses rare dramatic qualities in his delivery and this was particularly noticeable in his lecture yesterday afternoon. The lecture was full of absorbing interest and gave ample scope to Major Dane's ability as a lecturer."—*Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette*.

Dr. Hoff leads chapel to-morrow morning.

John A. Foster, a senior law student, whose home is in Auburn, N. Y., was arrested last Tuesday on the charge of larceny. He waived examination in the justice court, and was bound over for trial in the circuit court, and bail was fixed at the sum of \$500, which the prisoner failed to secure.

The list of applicants for the base ball team has become so large that it has been found necessary to divide them into a first and a second class. The first class contains all the old players and some selected ones of the new applicants. They have the rink for practice from 2 to 4:30. The second class has it from 4:30 to 6 p. m. The interest which all the applicants show in the valuable practice they are securing now is a favorable indication of the year's team work.

It may be of interest to those who heard Russell H. Conwell, Thursday evening, to know that the Miller Mager Co., of Philadelphia, have published a larger volume from his pen, under the title, "Acres of Diamonds." The ideas expressed in his popular lectures. No one can read it without being stimulated to greater activity and more earnest thought. He has written biographies of Ruthford B. Hayes, Bayard Taylor, Jas. A. Garfield, and James G. Blaine, but it is safe to say that none of them will live like "Acres of Diamonds."

James L. Babcock, of Ann Arbor, Mich., the young man whose uncle, in 1886, left him a fortune of \$500,000 on condition that he marry within five years, is about to take a wife. The bride-elect is Miss James, a sister of C. S. James, a prominent merchant of Waukesha, Wis. Mr. Babcock has been the recipient of more love letters and proposals, probably, than any other young man or woman of his time.—*N. Y. Mail and Express*.

A leading Chicago daily gives to colleges the credit of being the originators of our slang, to be specific, it says: "As Virginia is the mother of American presidents, Harvard is the mother of American slang." The injustice of the statement is evident when the peculiarly local nature of college slang is noticed, and the difference between the slang of the various colleges. The great point in college slang consists in its adaption to surroundings.

The first number of the *Inlander* will probably make its appearance next Friday.

The collection taken in University Hall, last Sunday evening, amounted to \$76.50.

Season tickets of the Lecture Association are not good for the lecture by Stepniak, to night.

Harry Nichols has been visiting his brother, E. C. Nichols, on South Fourth St., the past week.

It is stated on good authority that the murderers of Denison, the student, will not be prosecuted.

—*Democrat*.

The Illinois College of Pharmacy, the pharmaceutical department of Northwestern University, graduated twenty-nine men last week.

Rev. J. M. Gelston, to-morrow, will exchange pulpits with the Rev. J. M. Barkley, of the Third avenue Presbyterian church, of Detroit.

An exchange says that baseball does not promise much at Cornell this season and that the number of candidates for the team has been cut down to twenty-four.

The University may well be pleased in securing such able speakers as President Gilman, of Johns-Hopkins, and Hon. Thomas Bayard, to deliver the commencement addresses next June.

Dr. McCabe, instructor in French and Italian in the University in 1888-89, died this week at Bryn Mawr, Pa. Last year Dr. McCabe was professor of French at the Indiana University, and was this year called to the chair of modern languages at Bryn Mawr.

Rev. J. T. Sunderland will devote the next four Sunday mornings at the Unitarian church to an enlargement of the work of the Biblical Institute recently held at the University. His subjects will be as follows:

March 1. "A Review of the Work of the Institute."

March 8. "Messianic Prophecy. Does the Old Testament contain Miraculous Predictions of Jesus Christ? The Real Character of Israel's Great Hope."

March 15. "Does the Old Testament contain Miraculous Predictions of any Kind? Religion not Dependent on these Failing Supports."

March 22. "Alleged Predictions in the New Testament. Quotations from the Old. Some Important Matters not brought out at the Institute. Relations of the Old Testament to the New. The Real Foundations of Religion."

All persons who attended the Biblical Institute, and especially all members of the S. C. A., are invited to hear these sermons.



A mandolin club is the latest organization about college.

Gilbert and Sullivan's new opera, "Ivanhoe," is reported to be a great success.

Paul Wilkes, lit '94, formerly with Rhea, has been offered a position in her company.

Booth and Barrett will again appear together upon the stage, March 2, in New York.

The musical library of the late Karl Merz, of Wooster, has been purchased for \$2,000, by Pittsburgh parties. It will be placed in an alcove of the new Carnegie Library building.—*Ex.*

The Choral Union has appointed Messrs. Hopkins, Wines and Stanley, as a committee to draw up resolutions regarding the death of Dr. Winchell, the president of the University Musical Society.

Miss Goodwin, of Toledo, the soloist for the next concert, was present at the last rehearsal of the Choral Union. Miss Goodwin delighted all present by her charming personal appearance and beautiful voice.

The Glee and Banjo Clubs met with enthusiastic receptions in Lansing and Jackson last week. In the latter city the house was packed. The general expression was one of approval for the work of both clubs, the Banjo Club claiming a large share of the praise. The *Jackson Citizen* says, that Mr. C. C. Warden's 'cello solo proves him to be a musician of more than ordinary ability. This week the clubs are in Charlotte and Albion. March 6th and 7th they will appear in East Saginaw and Bay City.



Candidates for pitcher on the Yale nine are being coached by Stagg.

The pledge, including tobacco, has been signed by the base ball candidates.

Columbia college has accepted a challenge from the Northwestern University's tug-of-war team.

The base ball nines of Yale, Princeton and Williams will play the New Yorks in April.—*Ex.*

Eastern colleges ascribe their continued success to the prominence they have given athletics.—*Ex.*

Columbia will probably have no base-ball team this year; attention will be devoted to rowing and track athletics.

On the eastern trip of the Yale nine, games will be played at Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, New York, Brooklyn and at the University of Virginia.—*Ex.*

The captains of both Yale and Harvard 'Varsity elevens next fall are Exeter graduates. The captain of the Princeton nine this spring is an Exeter graduate also.—*Ex.*

The Canadian Foot-Ball Association will send a team to England this year. Arrangements are being made for games with the best teams in Great Britain and Ireland.—*Ex.*

An athletic team will be sent to England this summer, by the Manhattan Athletic Club, to take part in all championship contests of the United Kingdom. Cary '93, of Princeton, will be one of the sprinters.

Cornell has bright prospects for a successful boating season next spring. The crews are under the training of Courtney, who expresses the opinion that the freshman crew gives promise of being an unusually fast one.

The Princeton Faculty Athletic Committee are considering the advisability of forbidding students to take part in any outside athletic contests during the term time, except in the intercollegiate championship meeting, and in games with other colleges.—*Ex.*



A "chair of the English Bible" has been established at Dickinson College, Prof. A. W. Rogers, of Philadelphia, occupying it.

At University of Cambridge resolutions have been signed by 1,300 members protesting against any movement toward the admission of women to membership and degrees in the University.—*Ex.*

The sophomores of Princeton recently took a number of members of the freshman class with no other covering than darkness, and compelled them to climb a tree and sing, "Nearer My God to Thee."—*Ex.*

The hours of instruction per week in the various colleges are: Harvard, 70; Yale, 119; Vassar, 118; Columbia, 110; University of Michigan, 104; Cornell, 84; Princeton, 75; Amherst, 72; Trinity, 65.—*Ex.*

A club-house for American students in Paris has been inaugurated by the American Students' Association. The object of the association is to provide a homelike and cheerful resort for English speaking students.—*Ex.*

The faculty of Boston University have voted to allow work on the college paper, *The University Beacon*, to count as hours in the course, allowing four hours per week to the managing editor, and two hours per week to each of his assistants.—*Ex.*

I DID NOT SUIT.

Down on my knees I seize her hand,
That maiden peerless in the land.
"O fair one, let me press my suit!"

With throbbing heart I swear my love
By all the stars than shine above—
Oh, if she'd only follow suit!

Her fringed words my life-blood freezes:
"If you kneel there and bag your knees
I think you'll have to press your suit."

—*Brunonian.*

The first three presidents of Princeton were graduates of Yale.

It is said that Harvard is to receive the oil painting of Historian Bancroft.

CUT.

Tho' Cæsar was a wild young man
And many frolics led,
He stood well in society
'Till Brutus cut him dead.

—Brunonian.

Two more eastern colleges are to admit women as special students, Dartmouth College and Vermont State College.—*Ex.*

Rejoice, oh young man in the days of thy youth, but remember that, big as he is, the whale does not blow till he reaches the top.—*Ex.*

"I am no coward," said the Earth,
"And yet you have two constant fears,"
Remarked the Sun facetiously,
"And what are they?" "The hemispheres."
"And yet one other," quoth the Moon,
Who high in heaven shone clear and pale.
"And that?" "It is the atmosphere,"
And then the Comet wagged its tail. —*Ex.*

The freshman class at Ann Arbor recently spent three hours in an attempt to elect class officers and succeeded in just passing the point of electing a temporary chairman.—*Oberlin Review.*

I dashed cold water in her face
Because the girl had fainted,
And found, alas, in woman's case
She's not as she is painted.
—Brunonian.

The University of Mexico is fifty years older than Harvard, thus being the oldest college in America.—*Ex.*

SENIOR'S REFRAIN.

"The world owes me a living."
"Perhaps my friend, and yet
'Tis one thing to assert the claim,
Another quite to scoop the debt."
—Bowdoin Orient.

The \$80,000 required for the excavations at Delphi, in Greece, has been raised, and the Greek government is about to give the American Archæological Institute the necessary permission to begin the work.—*Ex.*

THE REASON WHY.

And why did you break the engagement,
Can it be that he smokes or he drinks?
O, no! she replied, it was far worse than that,
He wouldn't play Tiddle-de-winks.

—Cynic.

It is reported that no graduate of Vassar College has ever been divorced from her husband.

Lectures in Volapuk are now delivered at Yale, which is the first American college to add the language to its curriculum.—*Ex.*

An exchange informs the college world, that attendance at recitations at Ann Arbor, is optional.

LITERARY NOTES.

A history of the United States, covering the period from 1829 until the present time, is being written by Professor Wilson, of Princeton. This work will form one of the series, "Epochs of American History."

The latest venture in college journalism is a new intercollegiate monthly, entitled the *College Man*, under the managing editorship of a Yale man. Representatives from forty of the most prominent institutions of learning, will constitute the board of associate editors. The plan is to make this journal representative of college life throughout the country. A prize of \$10 will be offered each month for the best contribution, ranging from five to fifteen hundred words. Only undergraduates who are subscribers can compete for this prize. The managing editor selects five of the best articles which are sent to the associate editors who vote upon them and decide which of the five should receive the prize. The five articles are published, but the successful one is not mentioned until the succeeding issue of the magazine, thus giving everyone a chance to judge for himself and see if his opinion corresponds to that of the editors.

The *Cosmopolitan* for March is an unusually interesting number, containing articles of interest to all. The frontispiece is an excellent reproduction of a painting by Siefert of Munich. The first article treats of the French, stage and contains illustrations which give one a good idea of some of the more noted French dramatic beauties. Those interested in the works of charity and religion, will gain much valuable information from the article on Protestant Missions. The Indian question is summed up in a concise discussion entitled, "In Darkest America." Frederic Villiers, the famous war correspondent and artist, contributes a short sketch of his life, which is as skillfully illustrated as it is entertainingly written. Among other articles, the story of adventure, "How I Shot my First Elephant," and "Labor Unions and Strikes in Ancient Rome," are deserving of especial mention. The regular departments, Current Events, and Social Problems, are up to their accustomed standard. Brander Matthews treats of "Certain Recent Volumes of Verse." Mr. Matthews is a recent acquisition to the *Cosmopolitan* staff, and his brief essays on purely literary subjects, are becoming a prominent feature of the *Cosmopolitan*.

AMUSEMENTS.

Robert Mantell and his selected company of players will produce Shakespeare's ideal tragedy, "Hamlet," at the Grand Opera House on Tuesday evening next, by special request of Manager Sawyer. Mr. Mantell has made a hit as the Prince of Denmark and his interpretation of this greatest of all Shakesperian creations is universally praised. The play will be carefully staged, correctly costumed and superbly acted, and a rare dramatic treat is in store for Mr. Mantell's many friends and admirers. Of his Hamlet, the Philadelphia *Press* says: "Robert Mantell revealed his 'Hamlet' for the first time in Philadelphia at the Walnut last evening. Every seat in the house was filled, and the favorable verdict of the audience was indicated by frequent applause and curtain calls. Mr. Mantell makes an ideal 'Hamlet' in appearance—tall, graceful, 'the glass of fashion and the mold of form.' He gives the royal Dane light brown hair."

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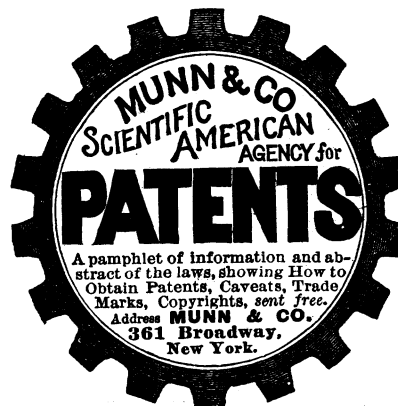
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